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I.C.P.O. Bulletin (April 02 - 10, 2009)
"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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02/04/2009: Richard, G3RWL will be active as 8P6DR from Barbados (NA-021, WLOTA 0999) from April 2-24th. He will operate holiday style on 160-10 meters using CW and digital modes. Better not to expect him on the bands on 8 April, as it will be his wedding day! QSL via home call, direct or Bureau (e-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to (g3rwl at amsat.org). [425 DX News]

02/04/2009: John/VE8EV, Wally/VE8DW and Gerry/VE8GER will be active from Ellice Island (NA-192), April 2-5th, using the callsign VX8X. QRV 40, 20, and 15 meter SSB/CW; 24 hours per day non-stop operation. Expect to see them on CW, but most of the focus will be on 20 meter SSB on 14.260 MHz. QSL via the information at QRZ.com under VX8X. [rsgbiota.org]

03/04/2009: Toshiyuki, JP1PZE will be active April 3-7th as K7XF/KH0 from Saipan (OC-086). He plans to be QRV on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via JP1PZE, direct or Bureau. [425 DX News]

03/04/2009: Members of the Aegean DX Group will be operate from Samos Island (EU-049, GIOTA SAS-006, MIA MG-099, WLOTA 4163), as SX8P (Pythagoras) between April 3-12th. Activity is to celebrate the 2500th anniversary and honor the memory of Great Ancient Samian Philosopher and Mathematician "Pythagoras". For more information, see QRZ.com. Operations will mainly be on SSB and the Digital modes. On SSB, 14260, 18124, 7090, 3780 kHz (+/- 5 kHz), and if bands are open, check 21260, 24950, 28460, 50150 kHz (+/- 5 kHz). Look for them on BPSK31 and RTTY on 20/40/80 meters, and if the bands are open 15/10m. There will also be activity on the AO-51 Satellite. Operators mentioned are: Vassilis/SV8CYV, Alexandros/SV8CYR, Kostandinos/SV8IIR, Ilias/SV8FMY and George/SV8IJZ. QSL via SV8CYV, direct by the Bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

03/04/2009: Wim, XU7TZG (ex-ON6TZ) will activate Koh Russei [aka Bamboo] (AS-133), Kingdom of Cambodia, from April 3-6th. Koh in Cambodian means island. QRV all HF bands using on CW, SSB and PSK31. QSL direct only via ON7PP (SAE+2 US $). [UBA HF News]

04/04/2009: Gianni, I1UWF will be active as 3A/I1UWF from Monaco on April 4th, starting around 1300 UTC. He plans to be QRV on 17 and 12 meters running 100 watts into a vertical antenna. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau.. [425 DX News]

04/04/2009: Fran?ois/F5JNE along with Claude/F5MCC will be active April 4th as F5JNE/p from the castle of La Tasse (DFCF 77-174), located in the city of Diant (CP 77940), in the canton [county] of Lorrez le Bocage (DDCF 77-16), Department Deux-S?vres/79, Province Poitou-Charentes (DPF 19). As usual starting around 0600 UTC, 80/40m, CW/SSB. QSL via Bureau and SWL cards welcome. [F5NQL]

04/04/2009: Wade, KU4OJ will activate Savage Island (Not IOTA, USi GA-038, Bryan county) inside Fort McAllister State Park, near Savannah, Georgia. QRV mornings and evenings (or whenever he can get the best propagation!) on or near 14.260 and 7.225 MHz. QSL direct to home call w/SASE. DX can QSL via home call either direct or by the Bureau. [USi]

04/04/2009: There will be a series of Lighthouse activations by TCSWAT from the historical lighthouses around Istanbul / Republic of Turkiye. The dates, locations and callsigns are as follows: April 4-5th Fenerbah?e Lighthouse TUR 021 / TC2FLH. Stations contacting four or more of the lighthouses will recieve "Istanbul Lighthouses On The Air Award". Details will be later announced on the website: ta0u.com/ and nbsp;tcswat.tripod.com/ The lighthouse TCSWAT team

will be: Urcun/TA0U, Leonardo/TA1FR, Mert/TA1ST, evfik/TA1HZ, Erhan/TA2DJ, Bekir/TA2RX, Mehmet/TB1J and Onur/TB2MYE. QSL direct to TA1HZ (QRZ.com). [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

04/04/2009: Haru, JA1XGI (W8XGI) will be active April 4-11th from Christmas Island (OC-002) as JA1XGI/VK9. QRV all bands, focus on low bands, using CW and digital modes. QSL to JA1XGI, Bureau or direct. [NG3K]

05/04/2009: Tor/DJ4MG (5P4MG) and Ela/DL1TM (OZ7TM) will be active April 5-16th from Vendsyssel-Thy / Nordjylland (EU-171, DIA NJ-001). QRV 160, 80, 40, 20, 17 and 15 meter SSB; also PSK31 on 20/40m. QSL 5P4MG via DJ4MG, direct or bureau. QSL OZ7TM via DL1TM, direct or Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

05/04/2009: Grandi Island, Goa, India (AS-177) is one of the new IOTA yet to activate and is going to be activated from April 5th-7th. The team consists with Sara/VU3RSB, Frank/DL4KQ, Jose/VU2JOS, Yamini/VU2YAM and Manju/VU2SMS.The setup would be one CW and one SSB Station with Vertical and Dipoles. QSL Via W3HNK for South and North America and DL4KQ for Rest of the world. Further info at: www.mdxc.org/at9rs [PlanetHam.org]

05/04/2009: The Amateur Radio Club UBA-LGE Liege (ON5VL) will activate the Castle of Wegimont (LG-075) as ON5VL/p on April 5th (0700-1200 UTC), 40 meters only. QSL via the Bureau to ON5VL, or direct to ON5PO. [ON5VL]

05/04/2009: Ben, DL7UCX will be operating holiday-style from the Seychelle Islands (AF-024) as S79UCX from April 5-17th. QRV 80-10m with 100W, vertical + dipoles, mainly CW. QSL via DL7UCX, direct or by the Bureau. [NG3K]

07/04/2009: Oscar/EB1HF and Pablo/EC1DPM have plans for a DXpedition to the island of Saint Barthelemy (NA-146, WLOTA 377) from April 7-12th. QRV asss FJ/EB1HF and/or FJ/EC1DPM on 20, 15 and 10 meters using digital modes only (mainly RTTY). Their equipment will consist of two Icom 706, Dipoles and a 2 element yagi. QSL both calls via EC1AE, direct only (Oscar Gancedo, P.O. Box 921, E-33080 Oviedo, SPAIN). [EC1AE]

07/04/2009: Daniel/DL5YWM and Ren?/DL2JRM will stay in Lima, Peru, from April 7th until the beginning of May. In their spare time they will operated as OA4/homecall mainly in CW with focus on the lowband. During this stay they will made a small detour to Costa Rica to participate in the German DXpedition to IOTA NA-191 (www.ti7.info/) which takes place April 17-20th. Any acitivity from peruvian IOTA's will be decided at the last minute. [DL5YWM]

08/04/2009: Dan, W0CN will be active as KG4CN from Guantanamo Bay (NA-015, WLOTA 0358, WW Loc. FK29kw) from approximately April 8-21st. Expect activity on all HF bands/modes. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [rsgbiota.org]

08/04/2009: Fred, ON6QR will be active as LA/ON6QR from Moskenesoy Islnd (EU-076), Norway, between April 8th and 12th. QRV only CW-QRP mainly 40-20m during evenings. QSL to home call, direct or Bureau. [F5NQL]

08/04/2009: Between April 8 to 15th, look for Joachim, F6BUL to be active as TK/HC/qrp, from Querciolo, about 25 km south from Bastia, island of Corsica (EU-014, DIFM TK-001, MIA MCO-001, WLOTA 1390). Holiday style operation using QRP, CW/SSB, with ICOM IC-703, 10W into walkabout or HF-5S Diamond antenna. Frequencies: 7011, 7048, 10109, 14011, 14111, 18078, 18131 and if open 21011, 21211, 24898, 24928, 28011, and 28411 kHz. QSL via F6BUL when back home, direct or via the French REF-Bureau. [F5NQL]

09/04/2009: Augusto HB9TZA/I2JJR obtained his visitor callsign 9H3JR for his next stay in Malta (EU-023, WLOTA 1113) from April 9-14th. It will only be a short stay there, and he will operate holday style having his XYL with him. Augusto will look for some more detail about lighthouses or what else may be able to activate from there. He will use IC7k, AH4, and FT817, with some wire, hardware, and a fishing rod; so he will be able to put up a long wire or dipole or vertical and operate HF to 6m. QSL via home call. [I2JJR]

09/04/2009: Operators ON4AEO, ON7BK, ON4CJK, ZS6GC, ZS5AYC, ZR6APT, ZS6IMO, VK4AHT, VK4EMH and others will be active from Mozambique using the callsign C91FC from April 9-13th. QSL via ON4CJK. Further information can be found at: www.filipstattooshop.be/Mozambique/index.html [NG3K]

09/04/2009: Anne, OH2YL will be active as OH0/OH2YL from the Aland Islands (EU-002) from April 9-14th. QRV all HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct (Anne L?hdes, Ullantorppa 11 A 15, Espoo, 02750, Finland) or Bureau. [NG3K]

09/04/2009: Ben, DO1BEN will be active from Lolland Island (EU-029, DIA SJ-015) as OZ/homecall from April 9-17th. QRV on all HF bands, using SSB and somtimes digital modes. Location is 5 meters from the Baltic Sea. QSL via home call, Bureau or direct. [rsgbiota.org]

09/04/2009: Retu, XU7MDY will be active from Shinanoukville, Cambodia, between April 9th and 21st. QRV 80-10m using CW, SSB and Digital modes. QSL via the information at QRZ.com. [NG3K]

10/04/2009: Operators Jorge/OA4BHY, Marco/CE6TBN, Zoli/HA1AG, Daniel/DL5YWM and Rene/DL2JRM will be active from La Leona Island, Peru, as OA4BHY/6 from April 10-13th. QRV all HF bands SSB/CW with 2 stations. Special callsign is possible. QSL via DL2JRM, direct or Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]
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LOOKING AHEAD -

12/04/2009: Once again Zik, VE3ZIK will be active from Bilice (Croatian coast) as 9A/VE3ZIK from April 12-21st. Also one day activity to IOTA: Ugljan Island (ACIA 339, CIA-53, IOCA CI-134, MIA MC-441) as well as Pasman Island (EU-170, ACIA 348, CIA-34, IOCA CI-085, MIA MC-291), only 20 and 40m band, CW and SSB. QSL via DO7ZZ, Bureau 100%. LoTW and eQSL is also ok. He really prefers paper QSL cards :) [NG3K]

12/04/2009: Tony/E21IZC and Kamroon/HS7UCQ will activate Lipe Island (AS-126) as E21IZC/p from April 12-13th. QRV on all HF bands, around the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via E21IZC (QRZ.com). [rsgbiota.org]

18/04/2009: The Algarve STAR DX Team will activate Doca Olhao (Parsena Olhao) West Lighthouse (ARLHS POR-129, DFFA Fa-32 for the Algarve Lighthouse Award) on Amateur Radio Day, April 18th, between 0700 and 1300 UTC. Callsign will be announced later. All information will be online at: algarvedx.com/ [Algarve S.T.A.R. DX Team]

29/04/2009: The Teresina DX Group is preparing a DXpedition to the Canarias Islands (IOTA 072, DIB MA-05, DFB MA-11, WW Loc. GI97BF), on the coast of Piaui, Brazil, from 1600 UTC April 29th to May 3rd. QRV 160 to 10 meters (SSB, CW, PSK31 and RTTY), including 6 meters, 144 MHz (SSB and FM). They also plan the following satellite activity (SSB/FM): AO-7 (A and B), FO-29, AO-51, VO-52, SO-50 and the ISS in repeater mode if active. Team members include PS8BBC, PS8DX, PS8ET, PS8FSM, PS8HF, PS8JN, PS8NF, PS8PY, PS8RF and PS8TV. QSL via PS8DX (QRZ.com). [PS7AB]

30/04/2009: A Belgian group of die-hard amateur radio operators along with ON4HIL, ON4ATW, ON6CC, ON4IA, ON5TN, ON7YT, ON6ZU, ON4AHF, ON5GS, ON6NL and ON4BR took up the challenge to land and to be active from Rockall island as MM0RAI/p (EU-189), in order to make thousands of radio contacts from the "most wanted" spot for ten thousands of hams. They are planning to start their activities on April 30th to May 3rd. Operations will be lead from 80 to 10m on CW and SSB only. QSL via the bureau or direct through ON4BR. Further info at: www.rockall.be/ [UBA HF News]

07/05/2009: Special Event Station celebrates 100 years of the Fleet Air Arm. On 7th May 1909 the Admiralty began a process that was to lead to the formation of the Fleet Air Arm. As 2009 is the Centenary Year of Naval Aviation, there are a number of events and publications throughout the year to celebrate and commemorate this event.
RNARS will be operational with the SES GB100FAA from the 7 May to the 15 May 09 from HMS Collingwood and from 19 May to 21 May 09 from RNAS Yeovilton.

The RNARS Chairman Mick Puttick says: "This is a chance for us to assist in publicising this historic occasion. Contacts with the special event stations and with RNARS members will also count towards the awards issued by the Society."
Operation will be on SSB and CW on the usual RNARS frequencies, band conditions permitting, and, +/- QRM: SSB - 3740, 7055, 14294/14335, 18150, 21360, 28940 kHz; CW - 3520, 7020, 10118, 14052, 18087, 21052, 24897, 28052 kHz. It is expected that a 2 metre FM station will also be operational. More information about the Society and the awards can be found at: www.rnars.org.uk. [Southgate ARC/Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

23/05/2009: Fellow club members of CRD (Club Radio Durnal) of the UBA will be aired as OT65ALG from May 23rd to 24th in order to be active from Airfield of Temploux (Namur). They will be active from 80 to 15m on SSB and digimodes only. Airfield of Temploux was considered as an Advanced Landing Ground by USAAF during WWII. Her callsign was ALG Y47 air strip and nicknamed as "gangway advanced". QSL cards are welcomed via the bureau or direct with sufficient postage (USD 2,-) or equivalent in Euro. Insufficient request will be answered via the bureau. Each QSO will be confirmed by a special QSL card. [UBA HF News]

30/05/2009: Ulf/DL5AXX and Frank/DL8WAA will be active as CS9L from Santana, Madeira Island (AF-014, DIP MA-001, LH-0053), during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Multi-Single entry. They are looking for 1 more operater. Pse email to dl5axx at darc.de . QSL via DJ6QT, direct or Bureau. [NG3K]

25/06/2009: Alan/G0RCI, Pete/M0USY, Harry/G7DEH and Alan/G4VUA will be active from Holy Island, Wales, as GW0GRC from 1100 UTC June 25th to 1200 UTC June 29th. QRV all HF bands, around the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via G0RCI, direct or Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]
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SPECIAL EVENTS -

The ISWL Club Callsigns in use during April 2009 will be:

GX4BJC /A - Operated from Great Sutton, in Cheshire, by Geof - M0BAU.
(WAB Square = SJ37-CHS & IOTA = EU-005).

MN1SWL /A - Operated from Belfast, Northern Ireland, by Frank - GI4NKB.
(WAB Square = J36-BEL & IOTA = EU-115).

The ISWL's WAB Book numbers are: 16316 and 16724.

All QSL Info is on www.iswl.org.uk or www.qrz.com or via www.eQSL.cc
NO LOTW.

ISWL Awards are available to all Hams and SWL's - see www.iswl.org.uk
for full details. eQSL.cc cards ARE accepted for our awards.
[Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

Here are some Special event news With Thanks to
Terry G4PSH - at the RAFARS NEWS DESK.
100 YEARS OF THE FLEET AIR ARM.
RNARS will be Operational with the SES GB100FAA from the
7 May to the 15 May 09 from HMS Collingwood.
19 May to 21 May 09 from RNAS Yeovilton.
This is to celebrate 100 years of the Fleet Air Arm.
Primary Freq. will be SSB 3.740 7.055 14.294/335 CW 3.520 7.020 14.052
Yeovilton will be one day CW another day SSB and the third mixed mode.
It is also hoped that 2m will be operational from both stations.

RAFARS EVENTS.
1-7 Jun GB60BTF Bridge Too Far Contact Dennis GW4XKE
1-7 Jun GB2ADU Air Supply Units Contact Dennis GW4XKE

1 Jul GB0RAF HMYOI Deerbolt, RAF Memorial Day. Contact Mike G0NRK
GB2RAF Air Defense Radar Museum NEATISHEAD RAFARS PERMANENT S.E.S.
GB2RAF should be QRV every 2nd Saturday of the Month
1000-1500hrs local = UTC +1 Hour Air Defense Radar Museum QSL QRZ.com

AIRFIELDS ON THE AIR (AOTA).
2/3 May GB0AOA RAF Jurby Contact Mike GD0HYM
Aug/Sept GB0AOA RAF Andreas (Authorisation and Dates pending)
If Members put an Airfield on the air please advise Vince G4DQP and
News Desk, so that all will be aware of the AOTA date time and location.
[Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

ON65CLM - CANADIAN LIBERATION MARCH
The special event station ON65CLM stands for the "Canadian Liberation March" and will be aired by UBA club station ONZ from March 1st until December 31st. This march is to remember the liberation of the Town Knokke by the Canadian armed forces in November 1944. The original march of the liberators started in Hoofdplaat in the Netherlands, 33 km away from Knokke. Nowadays thousands of grateful marchers participate every year at this 33 km long walk in remembrance of those brave men. QSL to the bureau. [UBA HF News]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

02/04-24/04 8P6DR: Barbados Island WLOTA:0999 QSL G3RWL (d/b)
03/04-12/04 SX8P: Nisos Samos WLOTA:4163 QSL SV8CYV (d/b)
04/04-05/04 TC2FLH: Fenerbahce WLOL:TUR-021 QSL TA1HZ (d)
07/04-12/04 FJ/EB1HF: Saint Barthelemy WLOTA:0377 QSL EC1AE (d)
07/04-12/04 FJ/EC1DPM: Saint Barthelemy WLOTA:0377 QSL EC1AE (d)
08/04-21/04 KG4CN: Guantanamo Bay WLOTA:0358 QSL W0CN (d/b)
08/04-15/04 TK/F6BUL/qrp: Corsica Island WLOTA:1390 QSL HC (d/b)
09/04-17/04 3B8/SP2JMB: Mauritius Island WLOTA:0595 QSL HC (d/b)
09/04-17/04 3B8/SP2JMR: Mauritius Island WLOTA:0595 QSL HC (d/b)
09/04-14/04 9H3JR: Malta Island WLOTA:1113 QSL I2JJR (d/b)
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U.S. COUNTY HUNTING - USA-CA

N4AAT - Scottie - 6* - April 2nd to April 8th - SSB and CW
I will be running some counties in VA, WV, MD, PA, NY, and all of NJ. Then back through some in PA, MD, VA, and NC. I will start early Thursday morning and try to run counties on 80 and 40 meters, untill someone hears me. Then I will run 40 and 20 SSB. I will run 80 SSB and 40 CW on request only, time permitting. I will have with me 20, 40, 80 SSB and 17, 20, 30, 40 CW resonators with me. If I'm next to a last county that you need, let me know so I can take a little side trip and get it for you. I must be in NY by Sat. Time premitting I will try to run Bronx, New York, Queens, Nassau, Suffolk, Kings, Richmond, but maybe not in that order. I will run all the counties that my truck takes me to, LOL. MY route looks like Northwest VA, Northeast WV, Western PA, Western NY, southeast NY, all of Jersey and the middle of VA south. Send me an E-Mail if you need something special within my route. Good luck, and hope I can fill some needs. Good for all your stars, N prefix, Bingo, Master Gold, Master Platium, and good for nothing, LOL. Scottie. Send email requests to scoosh at pbtcomm.net [County Hunter Web]
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SIX METERS & UP -

01/04-12/04 5Z4EME: Kenya 2m & 70cm EME Grid:KI79MO QSL PA3CEE (d/b)
01/04-11/04 PJ2/PA4JJ: Curacao SA-006 6M Grid:FK52 100W QSL HC (d)
04/04-05/04 QCWA April QSO Party 6m-70cm bands included USB+FM

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated March 31, 2009)
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QSL INFORMATION -

FF7AG - goes via Lionel, F9UF (Lionel de Faultrier, 61 Rue de la Concorde, F-92600 Asnieres, FRANCE)

QSLs received Bureau - 1A4A, 3A/DL3OCH, 3XD2Z, 4L1FP, 4L1MA, 6V7E, 9K2CQ, A25SL, A61TX, E51PDX, ET3JA, FY/F5IRO, J3/DL5AXX, PA3GIO/6W, T77NM, V51LK and VU4AN/VU3RYJ.

QSLs received Direct - 4O/K1ZZ (via K1ZZ), 4U1UN (via HB9BOU), 5H3RK (via QRZ.com), 5W0KI (via JF3MYU), 6Y1LZ (via K1LZ), 9L0W (via DK2WV), 9X0W (via DK2WV), C4N (via W3HNK), C91LW (via UY5LW), CE0Y/N6NO (via N6NO), CM6RCR (via W3HNK), EA9PY (via Direct), HI3K (via KB2MS), J7N (via K3TEJ), P40ZB (via K9WZB), S21DX (via EB7DX), SV9/DJ7RJ (via DJ7RJ), TO4X (via KQ1F), V26G (via N2ED), VU7SJ (via DL7GFB) and ZK2DF (via N1EMC).

QSLs received LoTW - 4M9YY, 4U1UN, 5K0CW, 6Y8XF, 8P9IR, 9A2009OS, AB7RW, C6ANM, C6APG, EA3NY, GM0GAV, K5UV, K8AZ, KD2JC, KP2M, N5WR, N7TR, N9AU, P40CG, PJ2T, PY2WC, RK9AWN, SP7GIQ, TM9C, V25WY, V4/G4FAL, V47CD, VA3RAC, VA7ST, VE6BBP, VE6CNU, VE6WQ, VY2SS and W5KFT.
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SILENT KEYS -

ZL2CD Bill SK
To those who remember Bill Hamer ZL2CD this a sad message to say that Bill passed away on Sunday 29 March 2009 at Wellington Hospital.
Bill received a QSM for services to radio but will be remembered by untold thousands of amateur radio ops all over the world for his QSOs.
He was mostly active on CW but his voice was heard on SSB. His great times were on 6m until NZ television on channel 1 finished that for him.
As QSL Manager for the Wellington Amateur Radio Club I can say that from the huge number of cards received for him he was a constant operator. Not many could match his activity.
I will miss Bill and there will be many, many hams all over the world who will wonder why they do not hear from him any more. [ZL2MM]

Bart Cleo Anderson, K7EDU of St. George, Utah, passed away on Monday, March 23, 2009 at the age of 66.
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BITS & PIECES -

MELLISH REEF UPDATE
Station fully functional (01-04-2009 from AA7JV)
Apr 1 0000 UTC, Mellish Reef. The station is fully functional now, except for RTTY, which we will get to in a couple of day's time.
We had an interesting opening on 15 m yesterday evening towards Europe: stations were coming in at S9+ three hours past our sunset. The 20 m opening to NA this morning was short but intense with a pile-up that sounded like a waterfall. Could it be that the unusually good conditions on the higher bands correspond to the poorer conditions on the low bands?
Low Bands: 160 m: Unfortunately, the pennant did not work due to a broken transformer wire that I only found this morning (thin wire, needed the light). Noise, however, was lower than the night before and NA was workable, albeit at a low QSO rate. JA traffic seems to be thinning out; perhaps a result of us moving the TX FRQ down to 1825.5 to allow for a wider split, or perhaps with over 500 JA TB QSO-s, we have satisfied some of the demand. Will be on TB again tonight, hopefully with a (well) working pennant. An interesting aside on the faulty pennant. The primary of the transformer was only connected to the lower wire. This has resulted in extremely weak signals, except for signals from UA9 and UA6, at 90 degrees to the intended RX direction. Totally unexpectedly, I was able to work stations from that direction that were totally inaudible on the TX antenna through the S4-5 noise. After the West-Coast traffic faded out (sometimes around 1200 UTC, quite early!), QSY-ed to 80 m for a second dip

at the West-Coast and some very good pile-ups from Asia and Eastern Russia. Went back to 160 for EU but stations were weak and the QSO rate low. Many stations were being helpful by sending actual reports. This is appreciated because our antenna has several configurations and we are trying to find out which are the best for particular directions, especially on 80. [K1XN]

Midway Island 2009
Press Release Number 2 March 31, 2009

We are pleased to announce the anticipated dates for the DXpedition are now set for 9 through 19 October. These dates have been selected to allow maximum operation for the eleven days we will on the island and most importantly provide Midway Island over two weekends. Logistical planning is under way and equipment is being arranged. Plans for six stations to be located in two separate locations are proceeding with two antenna fields feeding these two operating sites. Modes will be CW, SSB and RTTY with at least one station on 20 meters 24 hours a day to provide that new entity to those who need it. A link is now provided showing the radio site at the X on the beach area on the north side of the island where the operating positions will be located.

The DXpedition web site www.midway2009.com is fully functional. New additions are a poll to find out what bands and modes are most needed and a Midway 2009 memorabilia store. Follow the links to tell us your Midway DX needs and to add to your DX memorabilia collection.

The team is highly experienced and anxious. We invite you to become familiar with some of the team by visiting http://www.midway2009.com/meettheops.html.

Tom N4XP & Dave WB4JTT

Co Leaders for Midway Island 2009 [K1XN]

Urcun, TA0U points out that he has uploaded photos of lighthouses activated by him lately to: www.ta0u.com/galeri2.asp?id=7
He also writes that his next activity will take place on Apr 4/5 using the special call TC2FLH from Fenerbahce Lighthouse (TUR 021). This activity counts for the Istanbul Lighthouses On The Air Award. The rules and more details about the award can be found online at: www.ta0u.com/detay.asp?id=4296 [DX Newsletter]

DXCC Rule Change: At the request of the Program and Services Committee (PSC) the DX Awards Committee (DXAC) investigated the impact of an amendment to the DXCC rules. The DXAC and the PSC have unanimously decided to bring into force the following rule from April 1, 2009, 0000Z: To meet the growing outrages of direct-QSLs to put to an end only bureau mediated QSL-cards will be credited for DXCC. Intended side effect is a higher degree of organization of radio amateurs in the respective national associations combined with a strengthening of the IARU and the total of Amateur Radio. [DX Newsletter]

ANARTS and BARTG contests .. the future

From: "John Barber GW4SKA" <ska at bartg.org.uk>

Pat Leeper recently informed me that she would be unable to continue managing the ANARTS RTTY contest due to failing health. She has made every effort to find someone else in VK to take over the contest but with no success.

BARTG have had close links with ANARTS over the years and we felt that we should help in some way. After discussions between Pat and the BARTG committee we have decided on a course of action which I hope will meet with the approval of the RTTY contesting community.

For this year only the contest will be managed by John GW4SKA, the BARTG contest manager, with help towards expenses from ANARTS. The rules are much the same as in previous years but logs must come direct to anarts at bartg.org.uk. You can find the rules at

www.anarts.com.au/rules2009.htm and they will also be available on the BARTG website shortly. This will save any disappointment for those of us who have made plans to enter the contest this year.

2009 will be the last running of the ANARTS RTTY contest. From 2010 we will be moving the BARTG HF RTTY Contest from March to the 2nd weekend in June. This will give us a bit more time between our Sprint and HF contests and also avoid the March clash of dates with the very popular Russian DX contest.

My thanks go to Pat for her cooperation and hard work in running the previous contests. The ANARTS test has always been one of my favourites and I know that Pat did not want to let anyone down at short notice.

73 and see you all in June,
John GW4SKA
BARTG Contest Manager

ARGENTINA -
Hi friends
I have put on the web page of the GACW all useful information (route, suggested h?tels and so on ...) about our next meeting which will happen in the coity of Santo Tome, Santa Fe.
We are also organizing with LU3DAT, LW2DX and LU7DSU, another meeting with the LU ESCUELAS group, one day before.
We have booked double bedrooms in the Hotel Carlitos; the cost is $ 120 without breakfast.
Thank to send us your intend quickly.
http://gacw.no-ip.org/
Cordiales saludos
Alberto LU1DZ

BROADCASTING STATIONS TO MOVE FROM 40M BAND
>From 29 March 2009, broadcasting stations will be moving away from the 7100-7200 kHz band as per WRC 2003 decisions to pave the way for extension of the 40-metre Amateur Radio band. The frequencies between 7100 to 7120 kHz were used by broadcast stations for decades.
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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